

Inside the CIA

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*As the cold war thaws, America's
main spy agency lays open its
top secret inner sanctum in these
exclusive photographs*



After a morning briefing with President Bush, CIA Director William H. Webster and his security detail arrive at Langley's underground executive garage.

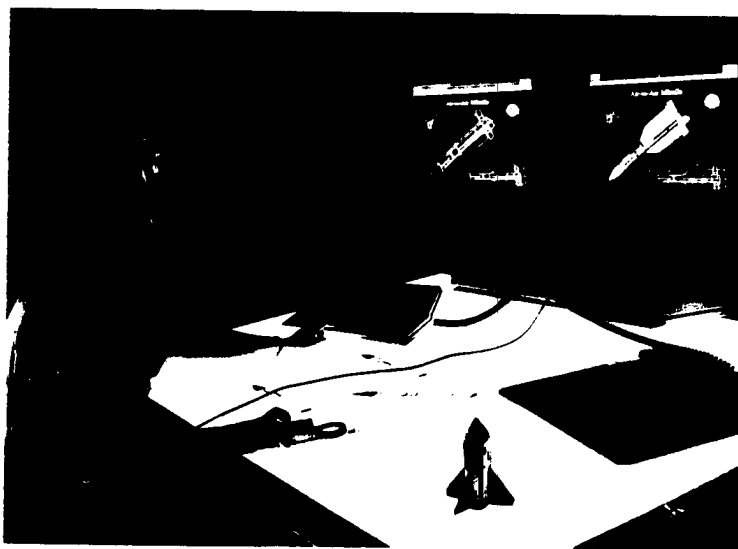
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Home to some 15,000 spies, analysts and scientists, the agency's futuristic complex lies in Langley, Va., eight miles northwest of the White House.



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW: The Image Processing Facility uses computers to transform photographs taken from airplanes and satellites into a simulated "ground level" version of the original.



MODEL EMPLOYEE: Using only a photograph or drawing, computers in the Office of Imagery Analysis help staffers create scale models of weapons, like this Soviet AA-9 missile.

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An employee inspects a robotic filing arm in one of nine storage silos. Each silo holds 5,900 computer tapes, containing 1.2 million megabytes of information.

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Early each morning, White House, State Department and Pentagon officials meet at the CIA to prepare the President's briefing on world events.



Classified documents are shredded and chemically treated to obliterate any writing; scraps are loaded into trash containers and shipped to landfills.

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MARTIAL ARTS No, it's not top-secret training for James Bond wannabes. This is the employees' idea of fun: practicing Tae Kwon Do in the basement during their break.



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